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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, DC 20554

Ms. Leslie Shapiro Allocations Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Shapiro;

Submitted herewith are one original and five copies of a "petition for rulemaking" for an upgrade from Class A to Class B1 for WKGB-FM Susquehanna, PA.

Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

Benjamin J. Smith

Sincerely,

President/KGBroadcasting Inc.

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In the Matter of:

Amendment of Section 73.202(b)
Table of Assignments for
FM Broadcast Stations
Susquehanna, Pennsylvania and
Walton, New York

To: The Commission:

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

KG Broadcasting, Inc., (hereinafter 'Petitioner'),
pursuant to Section 1.401 of the Commission's Rules,
respectfully requests a rulemaking proceeding to upgrade
the current License of WKGB-FM, Susquehanna, PA from its
current allotment of Channel 223A to Channel 223B1. For
this upgrade to be technically feasible, the License of
station WDLA-FM, Walton, NY will need to be modified from
its current allotment of Channel 221A to Channel 248A.

	Channel #'s			
Community	Present	Proposed		
Susquehanna, Pennsylvania	223A	223B1		
Walton, New York	221A	248A		

Included in this petition are two sections. Section 1 is the actual Petition to upgrade station WKGB-FM from Channel 223A to Channel 223B1. Section 2 is a Petition to re-allot station WDLA-FM from its current Channel 221A (currently a grandfathered, shortspaced 3 kw at 100 m or equivalent Class A FM operating under 47 CFR 73.213(c)(1)) to Channel 248A (which would allow WDLA-FM to upgrade to 6 kw at 100 m or equivalent at its current antenna location with a non-directional antenna).

SECTION 1

WKGB-FM B1 UPGRADE

1. WKGB-FM, Susquehanna, PA currently operates as the only commercial broadcast station in Susquehanna County,
PA. Although WKGB-FM does provide 60 dBu service to the two largest communities in Susquehanna, PA (Susquehanna and Montrose, PA) a very large area of this county is outside of the 60 dBu service area of WKGB-FM. These areas do not

receive any local commercial radio service from within

Susquehanna County, PA and must rely on the Binghamton, NY

and Scranton, PA regional services for any commercial radio

service. These stations do little programming targeting

the needs of these residents. By allowing the upgrade to

WKGB-FM to Class B1, these residents would receive their

first local radio service (from within Susquehanna County,

PA). Exhibit 1 is an allocations study showing that with

the exception of WDLA-FM, WKGB-FM could upgrade from Class

A to Class B1 on its current Channel 223 (92.5 MHz) and

still conform to the Commission's mileage separation

requirements (73.207(b)(1) of the Commission's rules).

2. It should be noted that the current WKGB-FM transmitter location would need to be modified to allow for this upgrade. If channel 223B1 is substituted for Channel 223A at Susquehanna, PA, WKGB-FM would expeditiously file a construction permit application that would specify a new antenna location that would conform to the Commission's rules regarding antenna locations and allow for Class B1 operation at Susquehanna, PA. The reference coordinates for WKGB-FM at Channel 223B1 are 41-56-05 N. Lat. and

75-32-00 W. Long. These reference coordinates are very close to the WKGB-FM Community of License, Susquehanna, PA (within 8 km), thus easily providing the required 70 dBu coverage that is required of WKGB-FM to Susquehanna, PA.

SECTION 2

WDLA-FM CHANNEL CHANGE AND 6KW UPGRADE

1. WDLA-FM, Walton, NY currently operates as a grandfathered, short-spaced, 3 kw at 100 m or equivalent Class A FM operating under 47 CFR 73.213(c)(1). WDLA-FM is the only FM allotment allocated to Walton, NY. WDLA-FM cannot upgrade to 6 kw at 100 m or equivalent on its current Channel 221A at its current transmitter location and continue omnidirectional operation. Channel 248A (97.5 mHz) can be allocated to replace Channel 221A at Walton, NY and could specify operation at 6 kw at 100 m or equivalent at the current WDLA-FM transmitter site with a non-directional antenna. The coordinates of the current WDLA-FM site are 42-08-10 N. Lat. and 75-04-48 W. Long. Exhibit 2 is an allocations study showing the feasibility of this channel change for WDLA-FM. This proposal would

allow WDLA-FM to greatly increase its service area and continue operation at its current transmitter location.

- 2. As required by Commission policy, KG Broadcasting, Inc., Licensee of WKGB-FM, Susquehanna, PA hereby states its willingness to reimburse Delaware County Broadcasting Corporation, the Licensee of WDLA-FM, Walton, NY, for costs related to this proposed channel change. These costs would include purchase and installation of a new antenna system, modification and reinstallation of the current WDLA-FM transmitter and exciter, and modification of the WDLA-FM isocoupler. These modifications would allow for this channel change to occur at the current WDLA-FM antenna site.
- 3. It should be noted that KG Broadcasting, Inc. has contacted Delaware Valley Broadcasting Corp. about this proposed channel change and Delaware Valley has indicated its willingness to go along with this proposal as it would receive an upgrade to WDLA-FM. Delaware Valley Broadcasting Corp. has indicated that it will file favorable Comments to this proposal within the required Comment period.

CONCLUSION

This proposal would greatly benefit the public interest as WKGB-FM would effectuate a Class B1 upgrade and WDLA-FM would effectuate a non-directional 6 kw at 100 m or equivalent upgrade at its current site. Both of these stations serve rather large rural areas that do not receive substantial radio service at this time, these upgrades would allow both WKGB-FM and WDLA-FM to increase their service areas greatly. Additionally, WKGB-FM has stated its willingness to reimburse WDLA-FM for the expenses of this channel change, thus removing any major objections that WDLA-FM might have regarding this proposal. In conclusion, KG Broadcasting, Inc. requests this rulemaking procedure to upgrade these stations which would result in a great benefit to the public interest without any negative impacts on any other facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated

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EXHIBIT 1

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MAPFM search of channel 223B1 (92.5 MHz), at N. 41 56 5, W. 75 32 0.

Searching Channel 223B1 (92.5 MHz):

Dear cur	ing charmer 223br (92.J MII2/	•							
CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARAN	ICE
ITNW	Hackettstown	ŊJ	220	B1	L	132.2	50.0	155.4	82.2	
WRVN	Utica	NY	220	A	L	131.8	48.0	10.8	83.8	
WCKR	Hornell	NY	221	Α	L	178.9	48.0	284.7	130.9	
WDLAFM	Walton	NY	221	Α	L	43.7	48.0	59.2	-4.3	*
WRNQ	Poughkeepsie	NY	221	Α	L	145.2	48.0	101.4	97.2	
WSENFM	Baldwinsville	NY	221	B1	L	153.3	50.0	334.4	103.3	
WQFM	Nanticoke	PA	221	A	L	88.2	48.0	198.9	40.2	
WFLY	Troy	NY	222	В	L	148.7	145.0	58.3	3.7	
WXRK	New York	NY	222	В	L	184.7	145.0	135.5	39.7	
WLGL	Riverside	PA	222	A	L	146.6	96.0	222.3	50.6	
WWYZ	Waterbury	CT	223	В	L	227.4	211.0	100.5	16.4	
WBEEFM	Rochester	NY	223	В	L	211.0	211.0	310.8	0.0	
WJUNFM	Mexico	PA	223	A	L	224.4	143.0	223.8	81.4	
WKGBFM	Susquehanna	PA	223	A	L	19.2	143.0	313.2	-123.8	* *
UTXW	Philadelphia	PA	223	В	L	212.0	211.0	173.2	1.0	
WDREFM	Garden City	NY	224	A	L	200.7	96.0	130.7	104.7	
WENYFM	Elmira	NY	224	A	L	104.2	96.0	275.9	8.2	
WRRV	Middletown	NY	224	A	L	105.5	96.0	120.3	9.5	
WXUR	Herkimer	NY	224	A	L	132.1	96.0	18.3	36.1	
WHTF	Starview	PA	224	A	L	232.4	96.0	207.3	136.4	
ALC	Saugerties	NY	225	A	V	128.4	48.0	85.9	80.4	
WMGS	Wilkes-Barre	PA	225	В	L	88.2	71.0	198.8	17.2	
WPATFM	Paterson	ŊJ	226	В	L	186.1	71.0	136.9	115.1	
WNTQ	Syracuse	ИХ	226	В	L	119.5	71.0	340.2	48.5	
WZOZ	Oneonta	NY	276	A	L	66.2	12.0	34.7	54.2	
WQEQ	Freeland	PA	276	A	L	106.5	12.0	197.1	94.5	
ALC	Vestal	NY	277	B1	v	38.0	14.0	281.0	24.0	
WXMW	Vestal	NY	277	A	L	36.6	12.0	291.6	24.6	

^{* -} Station to Change Channel to Channel 248A per this Petition for Rulemaking.

^{** -} To be deleted per this Petition for Rulemaking

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EXHIBIT 2

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MAPFM search of channel 248A6 (97.5 MHz), at N. 42 8 10, W. 75 4 48.

Searching Channel 248A	(97.5 MHz), from	the site of	WDLA-FM:	
CALL CITY	ST CHN CL	S DIST SE	PN BRNG	CLEARANCE
WDSP Arlington	NY 245 A	L 101.1 31	.0 117.1	70.1
WOUR Utica	NY 245 B	L 112.5 69	.0 355.9	43.5
WMKB Ridgebury	PA 245 A	ь 142.9 31	.0 260.7	111.9
WQHT New York	NY 246 B	L 179.2 69	.0 149.3	110.2
WBHT Mountain Top	PA 246 A	L 124.8 31	.0 211.9	93.8
WZBG Litchfield	CT 247 A	C 163.1 72	.0 103.1	91.1
WMYY Schoharie	NY 247 A	L 86.6 72	.0 50.6	14.6
WYXL Ithaca	NY 247 B	L 112.7 113	.0 288.9	-0.3 *
WZAD Wurtsboro	NY 247 A	L 73.7 72	.0 143.7	1.7
WRVV Harrisburg	PA 247 B	L 249.1 113	.0 217.0	136.1
WPST Trenton	NJ 248 B	L 212.8 178	.0 172.9	34.8
WALKFM Patchogue	NY 248 B	L 223.1 178	.0 130.0	45.1
WFRYFM Watertown	NY 248 C1	L 211.6 200	.0 342.9	11.6
WNGN Hoosick Falls	NY 248 A	C 154.4 115	.0 62.3	39.4
WNGN Hoosick Falls	NY 248 A	L 172.0 115	.0 62.0	57.0
WKVE St. Marys	PA 248 B	L 314.4 178	.0 259.5	136.4
W249AE Oneonta	NY 249 D	L 31.9 0	.0 359.1	31.9
W249AS Norwich	NY 249 D	L 52.5 C	320.7	52.5
WBKK Amsterdam	NY 249 A	L 119.8 72	2.0 38.1	47.8
WCZX Hyde Park	NY 249 A	L 101.1 72	2.0 117.2	29.1
WGMM Big Flats	NY 249 A	L 161.8 72	2.0 271.0	89.8
WWWD Jersey Shore	PA 249 A	L 209.3 72	2.0 240.9	137.3
WOWZ Whitesboro	NY 250 A	L 104.5 31	.0 343.4	73.5
WQMR Jewett	NY 250 A	C 70.3 31	1.0 71.5	39.3
WSKQFM New York	NY 250 B	L 179.2 69	9.0 149.3	110.2
WZMT Hazleton	PA 250 B	L 137.7 69	9.0 211.7	68.7
WKZEFM Salisbury	CT 251 A	L 127.1 31	1.0 100.9	96.1
WHWK Binghamton	NY 251 B	L 72.6 69	9.0 263.3	3.6

^{* -} Station is fully spaced when rounding to the nearest kilometer.



Certificate of Service

I, Benjamin J. Smith hereby certify that I have sent the preceding "petition for rulemaking" prepaid first class U.S. mail to:

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